MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : With regard to part (*a*), may I know whether there was any complaint that the Nagercoil A. S. P., Mr. Azhakappa Pillai, was subsidized by an important bus service company in Nagercoil ?

PRESIDENT : The question is not in order.

Treatment of cocoanut palms.

31. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have got any evidence, beyond the statements of the officers concerned, that, during the year 1106, 2,825 cocoanut palms were treated at the Government cost, and, if there is such, what it is ;

(*b*) the total cost involved in the treatment ; and

(*c*) the process adopted in the treatment ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. The owners of the palms taken up for demonstration are maintaining separate registers for recording all details regarding manuring, harvesting, etc., and such registers are available with them for inspection.

(*b*) About Rs. 1,250.

(*c*) Manures are applied in circular trenches taken round the palm.

Demonstrations held by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

32. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of demonstrations held by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for the removal of wilt ;

(*b*) the places at which and the officers by whom these demonstrations were held ; and

(*c*) the names and addresses of three prominent ryots, if there are any such, in whose compounds those demonstrations were held ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Department has conducted more than 100 demonstrations in Central and North Travancore for checking the spread of the wilt disease of the cocoanut plam.

(*b*) The chief places were Alleppey, Ambalapuzha, Haripad, Kayankulam, Mavelikara, Karunagapalli, Minachil, Kuravalangad, Tiruvarpu, Tiruvalla, Kallichery, Plassanal, Kozhuvanal, Vellapad and Pallikkal. Some of the demonstrations were under the charge of the Mycologist and the rest were under the charge of the Agricultural officers at Minachil, Kottayam and Mavelikara.

(*c*) The information is subjoined :—

(i) Mr. T. K. Kochutomman Mutalali, Kallichery, Chengannur.
(ii) Mr. C. R. Krishna Pillai, B. A., L. T., Perunna.
(iii) The Secretary of the co-operative society at Tiruvarpu.

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